



101 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0AS
Telephone: 071-629 6602

Mr E.P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis
MO 63105
USA

BA/PC/Ext 336

23rd June 1994

Dear Mr Newman

You are, I understand, interested in American Bank Notes and I would like to draw your attention to a pair of printing plates we have received from a client for sale in our October 1994 auction, in the hope that you may be able to shed some light on their origins and history.

First of all I should perhaps introduce myself as being in charge of the Bond and Note Department of Phillips, the old established London Auctioneers, and I enclose one of our leaflets about our auctions. We act on behalf of clients selling material on their behalf, and none of the properties sold through auction is owned by us.

Enclosed are photocopies of the two copper plates, which have been reversed so that they can be read without a mirror. You will see that they are for New Hampshire notes of 1743/44 :-

- 1) Four denominations, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 6/-
 - 2) Four demonimations, 7/6, 10/-, 20/-, 40/-
- (The photocopies are not actual size).

If you could possibly advise us of the following :-

- a) If the notes from these plates were ever issued ?
- b) Where would such plates have been kept ? Could they have been looted by the British at the time of the Revolution ?
- c) Are you aware of any other examples ?

Cont..

Facsimile: 071-629 8876

LONDON · NEW YORK · GENEVA · BRUSSELS · ZURICH

Sale rooms throughout the United Kingdom. Members of the Society of Fine Art Auctioneers

Phillips Son & Neale Registered Office: as above. Registered in England No: 647900. VAT No. GB 239 5023 66



101 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0AS
Telephone: 071-629 6602

Any help you can give us with these points will be greatly appreciated.

Your name and address were given to me by the Curator of the Smithsonian Institution Numismatic Collection who I had the pleasure of meeting at a Colloquium on "The Bankers Art" at the British Museum earlier this year.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Brian Asquith

Facsimile: 071-629 8876

LONDON · NEW YORK · GENEVA · BRUSSELS · ZURICH

Salerooms throughout the United Kingdom. Members of the Society of Fine Art Auctioneers.

Phillips Son & Neale Registered Office: as above. Registered in England No: 647900. VAT No: GB 239 5023 66

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Phillips Auctineers
101 New Bond St.
London W1Y OAS
England

Attn: Brian Asquith

30 June 1994

Dear Mr. Asquith:

We are pleased to answer your inquiry of 23 June 1994 concerning the two copper plates for printing Colony of New Hampshire Currency.

We presume you were referred to us by Dick Doty of the Smithsonian Institution.

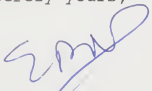
The New Hampshire plates described are the large denomination plate and the small denomination plate dated April 3, 1742 and then redated 1743 and subsequently redated Feb'y 1744. Redating plates in this manner saved engraving of new plates for newly authorized issues. There were notes issued for each dating. The notes printed for the large denomination plate had engraved backs printed from another plate from which there are reprints. The notes printed from the small denomination plate had blank backs.

The plates for printing currency were customarily retained by the Colony treasury and New Hampshire currency plates dated before and after the date of your plates do exist and were used for 19th century reprints. Whether the plates you describe were looted by British troops or Tories during the Revolution I do not know, but there were more valuable things to take. We assume the owner thinks he or she has good title.

May I suggest you have the plates photographed so as to make negatives from which reversed positives could be made. We would like to be sent such a set promptly. The photostats are not very clear. Please send us by air mail a catalog of the sale in which they (the plates) are offered and we may help find bidders for you.

If you need additional information we will try to be helpful.

Sincerely yours,



Eric P. Newman



101 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0AS
Telephone: 071-629 6602

Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis,
Missouri 63105,
USA

28 July 1994

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of 30 June for which I am most grateful. You are quite right I was referred to you by Dick Doty. Curator of the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, and I apologise for omitting his name.

As requested I enclose two pairs of photographs of the plates which I hope will be useful to you.

The actual auction is on 7 October 1994 and the catalogues are usually sent out about three weeks before the sale when we shall be pleased to forward one to you by airmail. If you can advise us of any one else who might be interested we should be pleased to forward catalogues to them.

All being well there should be good sections of Confederate notes and bonds in addition to notes and bonds from around the world.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Brian L. Asquith

Facsimile: 071-629 8876

LONDON · NEW YORK · GENEVA · BRUSSELS · ZURICH

Salerooms throughout the United Kingdom. Members of the Society of Fine Art Auctioneers.

Phillips Son & Neale Registered Office: as above. Registered in England No: 647900. VAT No: GB 239 5023 66

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 19, 1994

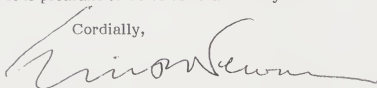
Mr. Brian L. Asquith
Phillips Auctioneers & Valuers
101 New Bond Street
London W1YOAS ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Asquith:

I thank you very much for the photographs of the New Hampshire money plates, which will be very helpful to us.

Since you plan to send a copy of the catalogue by airmail as soon as it is ready, I will make photocopies of portions of it to send to various friends after I glance at the overall material. Naturally, I have no objection if you want to send two or three additional copies by airmail. It is pleasant to be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 25, 1994

A.H. Baldwin & Sons
11 Adelphi Terrace
London WC2N6BJ
ENGLAND

Attention: Peter Mitchell

FAX: 44-71-9309450

One Page

Dear friends:

It has been more than a decade since I have been to see you or even had contact with you. You are still in the same place and so am I. I asked my friend Peter Gaspar if you would attend an auction for me to bid on my behalf and he assured me you probably could do it. You did this for me in the past.

Whenever I see a coin of mine which came from you, I think of the wonderful numismatic experiences I had in England. I am still grateful for the Royal Numismatic Society Medal which came my way.

There is going to be auctioned two engraved copper plates for printing the New Hampshire currency issue of April 3, 1742 redated to February 1744. There are four notes on each plate. The low plate has 6d, 1s, 2s6d and 6s. The high plate has 7s6d, 10s, 20s and 40s. I would like to acquire them. I assume there is good title, but if they were lifted from New Hampshire officialdom, it was much more than a century ago. God forbid that a British soldier did it during the Revolution.

The auctioneers are Phillips Auctioneers and Valuers, 101 New Bond St., London W1YOAS. The date is set as 7 October 1994. The catalog is to be ready three weeks beforehand. I am promised one by airmail. I do not know if it will be one lot or two lots. I have no idea what to bid. Other plates before and after this issue are in some historical society but none in private hands.

Above all, please do not disclose my interest and do not contact Phillips until the catalog is ready.

Please tell me what your bidding fee will be and any thoughts you may have on the subject. Please don't ask anybody here in the United States about it.

My telephone is 314-727-0850 or 314-331-6540.

My fax is 314-727-0820 or 314-331-6554.

My wife and I are quite excited because our friend, James McKay, Lord Chancellor of England, and his wife are coming to our house on 21 September. He has visited here before and is a brilliant and charming man of character. How fortunate you are to have top officials of that type.

I look forward to hearing from you.

My best to all of you.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

A. H. BALDWIN & SONS LTD.

Directors P D Mitchell A I K Baldwin A H E Baldwin

Established 1872

11 ADELPHI TERRACE

LONDON WC2N 5AD

Coin & Medal 071 930 6879

War Medals & Decorations 071-639 1310

Fax 071-930 9450

NUMISMATISTS

TELEFAX MESSAGE

DATE: 1st September 1994

FROM: Peter Mitchell

TO: Eric P. Newman, Numismatic Education Society,
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

NO. OF PAGES (including this): 1

Dear Eric

How nice to hear from you! As it happens we are receiving
your fax we received a lengthy, newsy letter.

You are ahead of the game knowing what is going on. I am all interest by
Phillips in October. The second week of the year. I am all interest
have a banknote sale to be held previous.
for you. We charge in the mission should be all interest in the year.
we make do is still confidential.

The RNB Gold Medal and the Lord Chancellor as a result of the
the must be great!

Father will be 88 next month, is reasonably alert but within year and
wobbly and I will pass on your regards.

In the meantime best wishes from us all here.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mitchell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Peter Mitchell
A.H. Baldwin & Sons, Ltd.
11 Adelphi Terrace
London W C 2 N 6 B J
Great Britain

By Fax to 44-71-9309450

20 September 1994

Dear Peter:

It was a pleasure to hear from you on 1 September 1994 and I would have answered sooner if I had any further information from Phillips Auctioneers. I have none by air mail or otherwise.

If you can obtain a catalog would you be kind enough to FAX me the information on the two New Hampshire copper plates. I do not know if these will be in one lot or in two lots. I do not know if they will place an estimate on them or not. I would like to acquire both of them and authorize you to spend £6,000 for the pair. If you feel I should bid higher please let me know. Perhaps you can learn something from Phillips. I presume they will go for a much lower amount but one is never sure. There are several other copper plates of other New Hampshire issues in an American museum archive.

My wife and I plan to go on a river boat from 30 September to 7 October and I believe it will be difficult to be in touch with you. I will be back at the above address on 7 October afternoon but the auction will be all over by then if I have the day correct. Up to 30 September I can telephone you or FAX you at any time and vice versa. Please keep me advised.

I talked again to Peter Gaspar several times about our various numismatic research projects. We are fortunate to work in the same community.

Tell Albert I have an artificial hip after which I went to Antarctica. I had colon cancer and they shortened my plumbing. I just had surgery for glaucoma, but my kidney stone took a slow trip through me. Anything seems to be able to be repaired. I feel ready to go to Haiti now.

My kindest wishes to your ensemble.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Eric P. Newman

I will find you where
I have planned to meet
you

21 Sep

A. H. BALDWIN & SONS LTD.

Directors P D Mitchell A I K Baldwin A H E Baldwin

Established 1872

11 ADELPHI TERRACE

LONDON WC2N 6BJ Reg. Office

Coins & Medals 071-930 6879

War Medals & Decorations 071-839 1310

Fax 071-930 9450

NUMISMATISTS

22nd September 1994

Mr Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis
Missouri 63205
USA

Dear Eric

The Phillips catalogue of the 7th October was forwarded yesterday. The printed estimate is £5,000-£10,000 but the impression I get is that the price is unlikely to take off. In this country printers' plates could be compared to coin dies; they are extremely rare, impossible to collect in depth, very difficult to house, go rusty and tend to be bought by museums. All yours! I will contact you again should I have anything to report.

I am sorry to hear of your health problems. I have only ever had one night in hospital due to my own goalkeeper pole-axing me at soccer! And, until I had a small cyst removed the only person to put a stitch in me was the dentist!

Yours sincerely



Peter Mitchell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Peter Mitchell
A.H. Baldwin & Sons, Ltd.
11 Aldelphi Terrace
London WC2N 6BJ
United Kingdom

26 September 1994
By FAX to
011-44- 71-9309450

Dear Peter:

I received your FAX of 22 September 1994 and the catalog of the Phillips sale of 7 October 1994 from that firm.

Lot #485 has both plates in it and it seems to have no reserve. Your comment that the price is "unlikely to take off" means, I presume, that it will possibly sell for less than the low estimate of £5,000. I always worry about the owner bidding.

Since there is a 10% addition to the hammer price plus your 5% commission I hope you can buy lot #485 in the £3,000 hammer price range but if you must go to double that price as I previously wrote I will be satisfied but not very pleased. I know you will do the best you can for me. One never knows whether there will be people of unlimited means who bid ridiculously as a matter of pride.

Thank you for keeping me promptly informed. Please let me know anything else you learn which you believe I should know. If you must reach me after 30 September and before the sale you can contact my son, Andrew E. Newman by FAX at 314-331-6517. I will inform him of the possibility and he can find me.

Que sera.

My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric P. Newman

A. H. BALDWIN & SONS LTD.

Directors P D Mitchell A I K Baldwin A H E Baldwin

Established 1872

11 ADELPHI TERRACE
LONDON WC2N 6BJ

Coins & Medals 071-930 6879
War Medals & Decorations 071-839 1310
Fax 071-930 9450

NUMISMATISTS

TELEFAX MESSAGE

DATE: 7 Oct

FROM: PDM

TO: E. P. Newman

NO. OF PAGES (Including this); one

If you do not receive all pages indicated
please telephone immediately.

I exceeded your bid but without success

- bought on the telephone against

Barnaby of Spinks at £12,000

Sorry,

Pds

[illegible]

IN Ten Shillings 10/-
This Ball of Ten Shillings due
to the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble}
New Hampshire shall be paid
to the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble}
Silver, worth of the Hon^{ble} the Hon^{ble}
or Gold 10/- 10/- 10/- 10/-
Twenty Eight, Shilling 10/- Ounce,
and shall be accepted in all Payments
under the Treasury, 10/- 10/- 10/- 10/-
V. A. 10/- 10/- 10/- 10/-
Court of 10/- 10/- 10/- 10/-
10/- 10/- 10/- 10/-

240

102

SEVEN SHILLINGS
7-6
This Bill is seven shillings as before
declared in the 16th year of Henry the
New Hampshire, shall be equal to the
Crown Two new Twelve Grains of gold
Silver Two new eight Shilling Alloyed Gold
County Rate of Rent in the eighteen Shillings
Pence, and it shall be accepted in all
Payment and in TREASURY

40 Sorto Shillings 40
 This Bill of Forty Shillings
 is to the Bearer of it, or his Assignee
 the SUM OF FORTY SHILLINGS
 shall be equal to Six Guineas of our
 Silver & Gold, being of such a Weight
 Gold being at the Rate of Four pounds
 eighteen Shillings a Ounce and shall
 be received at all Payments and in
 Treasury PORT & MINTH 20 3 1742
 By order of the General
 Court or Assembly

40

47

4C

